


# CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

## Office Memorandum

TO: Steve

FROM: Victor 

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SUBJECT: DWR Interim North Delta Program

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I am providing the following written comments since I will be on vacation August, 21 (Monday) during which you plan to discuss this item at the Program Team meeting.

I believe a briefing for the Program Team on the full INDP would be preferable prior to detailed discussions on how individual elements could be incorporated into the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. It seems a briefing, at a minimum, is necessary prior to making any decisions. I am not clear on what you mean by "oversight by the Bay-Delta Program Team and the PCT," and how does that differ from "primary oversight" for fish screen development. It seems that the INDP program is progressing per DWR management instruction as evidenced by the recent contract approval process. The PCT includes representation from DWR, however, I believe CALFED needs to make a decision on how far they expect the INDP to proceed outside the CALFED process. My belief is that we should not interfere with the progress of the INDP. As described in other program materials we need to coordinate with existing programs and demonstrate how they fit in with a comprehensive long-term solution. The more other programs can accomplish or lay the ground work for us will make our future efforts easier.

### Flood routing and analysis

The information gathered regarding dredging would be valuable to our program in relation to how other agencies would accept that information as applicable to other areas in the Delta. Although the use of setback levees, etc. may be feasible along the Mokelumne, there are other areas in the Delta where channel dredging is potentially the only alternative.

### Enlargement of the Delta Cross Channel

This element will most likely surface again in our program. Therefore, any work the INDP can accomplish will be beneficial in future decisions to proceed or eliminate this action from further evaluation.

### Fish Screen development and testing

I agree additional expertise to help design and implement this element is necessary. I believe that the INDP proposal will provide beneficial information to consider in the long-

term effort, but should eventually become a CALFED project. I believe any "Adaptive Management" program implemented along with our long-term solution will require periodic evaluation of screening efficiencies. This review may require future modification to screening facilities and the groundwork by the INDP in this effort should receive as much support from CALFED as possible.

Wildlife Habitat areas

I believe the Program Team would benefit from a presentation on the entire INDP, including their status and proposed work schedule, when possible.

The INDP is working to resolve many issues, and each element of the INPD will provide valuable information to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in supporting decisions to proceed with or drop certain actions. However, I believe CALFED needs to make a decision on the acceptability of this program moving ahead.